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APPENDIX A

Acronyms - Appendix A

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AAI Adjusted Available Income

ACA Administrative Cost Allowance

ACCSCT Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges of Technology

ACH/EFT Automated Clearinghouse/Electronic Funds Transfer

ACICS Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools

ACN Audit Control Number

ACT American College Testing

ADC Aid to Dependent Children

ADP Automated Data Processing

AFDC Aid to Families with Dependent Children

AGI Adjusted Gross Income

AI Available Income

AICPA American Institute of Certified Public Accountants

ANN Announcement "Dear Colleague" Letters

AOS Application Ordering System

APA [Educational Savings and] Asset Protection Allowance

ATB Ability to Benefit

ATI Available Taxable Income

AVR Automated Voice Response

AY Academic Year

-B-

BBAY Borrower-Based Academic Year

-C-

CAN Common Accounting Number

CAP Corrective Action Plan

CB Campus-based programs and campus-based "Dear Colleague" Letter

CBO Congressional Budget Office

CBT Computer-Based Training

CCA Career College Association

CEO Chief Executive Officer

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

COA Cost of Attendance

COHEAO Coalition of Higher Education Assistance Organizations

CPA Certified Public Accountant

CPS Central Processing System

CR Credit

CSS College Scholarship Service

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DCL "Dear Colleague" Letter

DCS Debt Collection Service

DIC Dependency and Indemnity Compensation

DL Direct Loan “Dear Colleague” Letter

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DRN Data Release Number

FAA Financial Aid Administrator

DRAP Default Reduction Assistance Program

FAD Final Audit Determination

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FADHPS Financial Assistance for Disadvantaged Health Professions Students

EA Employment Allowance

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

EAC Electronic Access Code *or* Electronic Access Conference

FAO Financial Aid Office *or* Financial Aid Officer

EADA Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act of 1994

FAT Financial Aid Transcript

EASFAA Eastern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

FCC Federal Capital Contribution (part of the Perkins Loan Program)

EASI [Project] Easy Access for Students and Institutions

FEDWIRE (Automated FEDWIRE)
U.S. Treasury Financial Communication System/
Deposit Message Retrieval System *or* Federal
Reserve Communications System (not a U.S.
Treasury wire transfer system)

ED U.S. Department of Education

EDCAPS ED Central Automated Processing System

FERPA Family Education Rights and Privacy Act

EDE Electronic Data Exchange

FFEL Federal Family Education Loan

EDGAR Department of Education General Administration Regulations

FFY Federal Fiscal Year

EDI Electronic Data Interchange

FIPSE Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (in the U.S. Department of Education)

EFA Estimated Financial Assistance

FISAP The Fiscal Operations Report and Application to Participate in Campus-Based Programs (FSEOG, FWS, and Federal Perkins Loan Programs)

EFC Expected Family Contribution

EFN Exceptional Financial Need

EFT Electronic Funds Transfer (See also *ACH/EFT*)

FLD Final Letter of Determination

EIN Entity Identification Number

FO Fiscal Officer

EOC Educational Opportunity Center

FRB Federal Reserve Bank

EPI Electronic Payment Information

FRCS Federal Reserve Communications System

ESOA Electronic Statement of Account

FROE Final Report of Expenditures

EST Eastern Standard Time

FS Financial Services (in the U.S. Department of Education; formerly called Accounting and Financial Management Services [AFMS] and Financial Management Service [FMS])

ET Eastern Time

FSEOG Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

FT Full Time

FTS Federal Telecommunications System

FWS Federal Work-Study

FY Fiscal Year

-G-

G Guaranty Agency “Dear Colleague” Letter

GA Guaranty Agency

GAO General Accounting Office

GAPS Grant Administration & Payment System

GAS Government Auditing Standards

GED General Education Development Certificate

GEN General “Dear Colleague” Letter

GLOS Guarantor and Lender Oversight Staff (in the U.S. Department of Education)

GPA Grade Point Average

GPO Government Printing Office

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HBCUs Historically Black Colleges and Universities

HEA Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (most recently in 1998)

HEAL Health Education Assistance Loan

HPSL Health Professions Student Loan Program

-I-

IAM Integrated Application Menu

ICC Institutional Capital Contribution

ICR Income Contingent Repayment Plan

IDPS Institutional Default Prevention System

IFAP Information for Financial Aid Professionals (web site)

IHE Institution of Higher Education

INS Immigration and Naturalization Service

IPA Income Protection Allowance

IPOS Institutional Participation and Oversight Service (in the U.S. Department of Education)

IRA Individual Retirement Account

IRQF Information Request Form (Part 2 of SAR)

IRS Internal Revenue Service

IRVF Information Review Form (Part 2 of SAR)

ISAMS Integrated Student Aid Management System

ISIR Institutional Student Information Record

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JIT Just-in-Time Payment Method

JLD Job Location and Development Programs

JTPA Job Training Partnership Act

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L FFEL Program “Dear Colleague” Letter for lenders

LAN Local Area Network

LD Limited Distribution “Dear Colleague” Letter

LDA Last Day of Attendance

LEAP Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (formerly SSIG)

LOA Leave of Absence *or* Letter of Application

LOE Level of Expenditure

LS&T Limitation, Suspension, or Termination

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MASFAA Midwest Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

MISAA Middle Income Student Assistance Act of 1978

MRR Multiple Reporting Record (part of RFMS)

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NAACS National Association of Accredited Cosmetology Schools

NACCAS National Accrediting Commission of Cosmetology Arts and Sciences

NACUBO National Association of College and University Business Officers

NAS Need Analysis Servicer *or* Need Analysis System

NASEA National Association of Student Employment Administrators

NASFAA National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators

NCHelp National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs

NCS National Computer Systems

NDEA National Defense Education Act

NDSL National Direct Student Loan Program *or* National Defense Student Loan Program (no longer in existence, but still collected)

NFC National Finance Center

NIH National Institutes of Health

NPRM Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

NRM Negotiated Rulemaking

NSF Non-Sufficient Funds

NSLDS National Student Loan Data System

NSSP National Science Scholars Program (no funding beginning 1996-97)

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OC Object Classification Code

OCFO Office of the Chief Financial Officer

OCR Office for Civil Rights (in the U.S. Department of Education)

OGC Office of the General Counsel (in the U.S. Department of Education)

OIG Office of the Inspector General (in the U.S. Department of Education)

OMB Office of Management and Budget

OPE Office of Postsecondary Education (in the U.S. Department of Education)

OPM Office of Personnel Management

OSFA Office of Student Financial Assistance (in the U.S. Department of Education)

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P Federal Pell Grant “Dear Colleague” Letter

PAN Payee Account Number

PAS Presidential Access Scholarship *or* Primary Accounting System

PBO Performance-Based Organization (current structure of OSFA)

PC Parental Contribution *or* Personal Computer

PCA Parents’ Contribution from Assets *or* Pre-Claims Assistance

PDD Policy Development Division (in the U.S. Department of Education)

PDL Program Determination Letter

PHEAA Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency

PIPD Performance Improvement and Procedures

Division (in the U.S. Department of Education)

P. L. Public Law

PLUS Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students
(now used only as an acronym)

POP Potential Overaward Project (Pell-related)

PPA Program Participation Agreement

PRCN Program Review Control Number

PRD Program Review Determination

PSS Program Systems Service (in the
U.S. Department of Education)

PT Part Time

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QA Quality Assurance

QAP Quality Assurance Program (in the
U.S. Department of Education; formerly
Institutional Quality Assurance Program)

QC Quality Control

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RDE Recipient Data Exchange

REPS Restored Entitlement Benefits for
Survivors—Section 156

RFMS Recipient and Financial Management
System (part of Pell)

RIGA Regional Inspector General for Audit

RMASFAA Rocky Mountain Association of
Student Financial Aid Administrators

RO Regional Office

ROTC Reserve Officers' Training Corps

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SAO Statement of Account

SAP Satisfactory Academic Progress

SAR Student Aid Report

SASFAA Southern Association of Student Financial
Aid Administrators

SAY Scheduled Academic Year

SC Student Contribution

SCA Student Contribution from Assets

SCP Scheduled Cash Payment

SFA Student Financial Aid (programs)

SG State (LEAP) "Dear Colleague" Letter

SIC Student's Income Contribution

SLEAP Special Leveraging Educational Assistance
Partnership Program (formerly SSIG)

SLMA Student Loan Marketing Association, also
called "Sallie Mae"

SLRA Student Loan Reform Act of 1993

SNT Simplified Needs Test

SOA Statement of Account

SPCA Supplemental Pre-Claims Assistance

SSA Social Security Administration

SSCR Student Status Confirmation Report

SSIG State Student Incentive Grant (now replaced
by LEAP program)

SSN Social Security Number

STX State and Other Tax Allowance

SWASFAA Southwestern Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators

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TC Total Contribution

TI Total Income

TIV WAN Title IV Wide Area Network

TPID Training and Program Information Division
(in the U.S. Department of Education)

TRIO HEA federal outreach programs for
disadvantaged students: Educational Opportunity
Centers, Talent Search, Upward Bound, Upward
Bound—Math/Science, Ronald E. McNair Post-
Baccalaureate Achievement, Training Program for
Special Programs Staff and Leadership Personnel,
and Student Support Services

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U.S.C. United States Code (of law)

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VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VEAP Post-Vietnam Veterans Educational
Assistance Program

VISTA Volunteers in Service to America

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WASFAA Western Association of Student
Financial Aid Administrators

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YTD Year-to-Date (part of RFMS)